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25X1 1. [ ] Before meeting with Mr. Fred Bushardt,  
25X1 Legislative Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (D., S.C.), I  
discussed with [ ] Consultant, Senate Preparedness  
Investigating Subcommittee, Senator Thurmond's letter of August 22  
to the Committee chairman requesting that Mr. McCone be recalled  
as a witness before the Committee. A copy of the Senator's letter  
to Chairman Stennis was forwarded by letter also of August 22 as a  
25X1 courtesy. [ ] reviewed briefly communications received from  
the Senator's office concerning another appearance by Mr. McCone  
and indicated that the Chairman is out of the city and final determination  
could not be reached until his return Thursday or Friday. In passing  
he also reviewed the substance of General Taylor's appearance before  
the Committee. It was this latter item about which Senator Thurmond  
desired information and the purpose of my meeting with Mr. Bushardt.

I advised Mr. Bushardt that we had no information or knowledge  
other than the happenings before the Committee. I advised that  
Mr. McCone had called General Taylor and confirmed [ ]  
with the Committee. It was our conclusion therefore that, as appeared  
in the transcripts, General Taylor was somewhat incensed at being  
interrogated by members of the staff and his objections had taken  
this rather unfortunate turn and queried whether he was being interrogated  
by [ ] 25X1

25X1 [ ] Mr. Bushardt thanked me for the advice and indicated that the  
Senator is quite incensed over this incident and had he been present  
during the hearing, it would not have been condoned by him. Mr. Bushardt  
indicated that he would pass this advice on to the Senator and although  
he felt that nothing further would be desired as it is, he will advise  
me.

Mr. Bushardt noted in passing that the Senator's interest in  
reappearances by Mr. McCone is related by what the Senator feels are,  
at best, inconsistencies between items testified to by Mr. McCone before  
Senate Preparedness, by Mr. McNamara and others before Senate Foreign  
Relations. Mr. Bushardt did not have the details of the inconsistencies  
at hand but expects to define this with Preparedness staff later in the day  
or tomorrow.